



## El Paso is the Metropolis of the Southwest.

The above map shows clearly the commanding position of El Paso as a commercial and railway center. The business interests of a district of 500 miles radius center here.

El Paso is the distributing and supply point for the vast mining, stock and agricultural interests of this great territory. The entire country about El Paso is strongly mineralized. The emblems of the minerals which appear in the various localities on the above map indicate the places where those minerals are found in greatest abundance.

The chief business interests of El Paso are those connected directly or indirectly with the mining and smelting of ores, chiefly gold, silver, copper and lead. The El Paso Smelting Works are second to none in the world in capacity and in efficient and convenient equipment. These works employ 1200 men and have a monthly pay roll of \$50,000. In addition to this, the Smelting Works pay monthly \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 for ores to mine owners of the tributary country. Practically all of the wages paid by the Smelting Works and the greater part of the payments for ore find their way into the channels of trade in El Paso. The miners and mine owners of the surrounding country make El Paso their headquarters and many of them have permanent homes here for their families.

El Paso has six trunk lines of railway each more than 1,000 miles in length, and two short lines. Other railways are projected and their building is only a question of time. The railway facilities of El Paso both for shipping in and shipping out are unsurpassed by those of any city in the West. The railways centering here are: The Texas Pacific; Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio; Southern Pacific; El Paso-Rock Island; Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe; Mexican Central; Rio Grand, Sierra Madre & Pacific; and El Paso & Southwestern. The El Paso pay rolls of the different railway companies aggregate more than \$100,000 monthly.

The population of El Paso and suburbs is about 30,000. The population of the Mexican City of Juarez across the Rio Grande is 8,000.

El Paso has three National Banks and one private bank. The bank deposits have increased in one year from \$2,500,000 to \$3,800,000. The assessed valuation of city property is \$9,478,879.

El Paso has a high school, five ward schools for whites, one for Mexicans and one for negroes, a business college, and several convent and private

schools. Its public school enrollment is above 3,000 pupils. The teaching force in the public schools numbers 68.

All the leading religious denominations are represented by one or more churches.

El Paso has built more than 500 buildings per year for the past five years.

El Paso has an electric street railway service equal to any in the United States, covering the city and suburbs and connecting it with the Mexican City of Juarez across the river.

El Paso has two large smelting works, two foundries and several machine shops, half a dozen cigar factories, three harness and saddlery factories, shirt and overall factory, two ice and refrigerator plants, gas, electric lights, city water works, good hotels, and in fact all the comforts and conveniences that belong to modern life in large cities.

El Paso has immediately tributary to it several hundred thousand acres of the most fertile river bottom to be found anywhere, as yet but thinly settled. These lands offer the the most inviting opening in the United States to skilled agriculturists for the growing of fruits, vegetables, and alfalfa. The railways of El Paso afford facilities for the distribution of the products of these rich lands among the mining camps and cattle ranches of the surrounding country, at prices that yield a heavy profit.

The climate of El Paso is unexcelled. In winter the temperature by day ranges from 60 to 70 degrees, and by night from 20 to 30 degrees. In summer the temperature by day is commonly 85 to 95 degrees, and by night 60 to 70 degrees. In winter the almost perpetual sunshine strongly invites to out door life. In summer the elevation (3800 feet), the dry air and the perpetual breeze insure comfort. El Paso is growing in favor year by year not only as a winter resort but as a favorable and attractive place for residence the year around.

The El Paso Chamber of Commerce issues this brief statement. A booklet giving more extended information will be mailed free upon request. Specific inquiries by letter will be promptly and cheerfully answered.

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